



Do you and your sweetie have the same views about Valentine’s Day? Check out what one couple said when asked what they wanted on Valentine’s Day without the other around to hear, A7

THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

NW Football

Sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy was named Division II Wide Receiver of the Year by Don Hanson’s Football Gazette.

Soy is one of five Bearcats listed on the Gazette’s All-American team.

Junior offensive lineman Brett Grozinger joined Soy on the first team. They were both named to four of the five All-America teams.

Senior safety Myles Burnside was named to the second team. He is a unanimous All-American, having been named on all five publications’ lists.

Senior running back LaRon Council and senior defensive tackle Tyler Roach made the third team.

Junior quarterback Blake Bolles and sophomore linebacker Chad Kilgore were honorable mention.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma won the Coach of the Year honor for the second time in as many years after leading the ‘Cats to the National Title.

COMMUNITY

Free throw

Children 10 to 14 years old as of Jan. 1, are eligible to take place in this year’s Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship taking place this Sunday.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the competition starting at 1 p.m.

Proof of age and parental consent is required for all participants.

Medals will also be awarded to the top finishers.

Age division winners will advance to district competition, which will follow the local contest. District winners then have the opportunity to advance to state competitions at a later date.

BEARCATS

Saturday

- Women’s Basketball vs. Missouri Western, 1:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
- Men’s Basketball vs. Missouri Western, 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
- Softball vs. Arkansas Tech, 2 p.m. in Tulsa, Okla.
- Softball vs. East Central (Okla.), 4 p.m. in Tulsa, Okla.

Sunday

- Softball vs. Central Oklahoma, 10 a.m. in Tulsa, Okla.
- Softball vs. Northeastern State, 12 p.m. in Tulsa, Okla.
- Baseball vs. Montevallo, 12 p.m. in Montevallo, Ala.

Tuesday

- Baseball vs. West Florida, 6 p.m. in Pensacola, Fl.

Wednesday

- Baseball vs. West Florida, 6 p.m. in Pensacola, Fl.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday

- Girls’ Basketball vs. Benton, 5 p.m. at Maryville High School

Friday

- Boys’ Basketball vs. Benton, 5 p.m. in St. Joseph
- Wrestling at Districts in Bethany, Mo.

Tuesday

- Boys’ Basketball vs. Rock Port, 5 p.m. at Maryville High School
- Girls’ Basketball vs. Nebraska City, 5:30 p.m. in Nebraska City, Neb.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

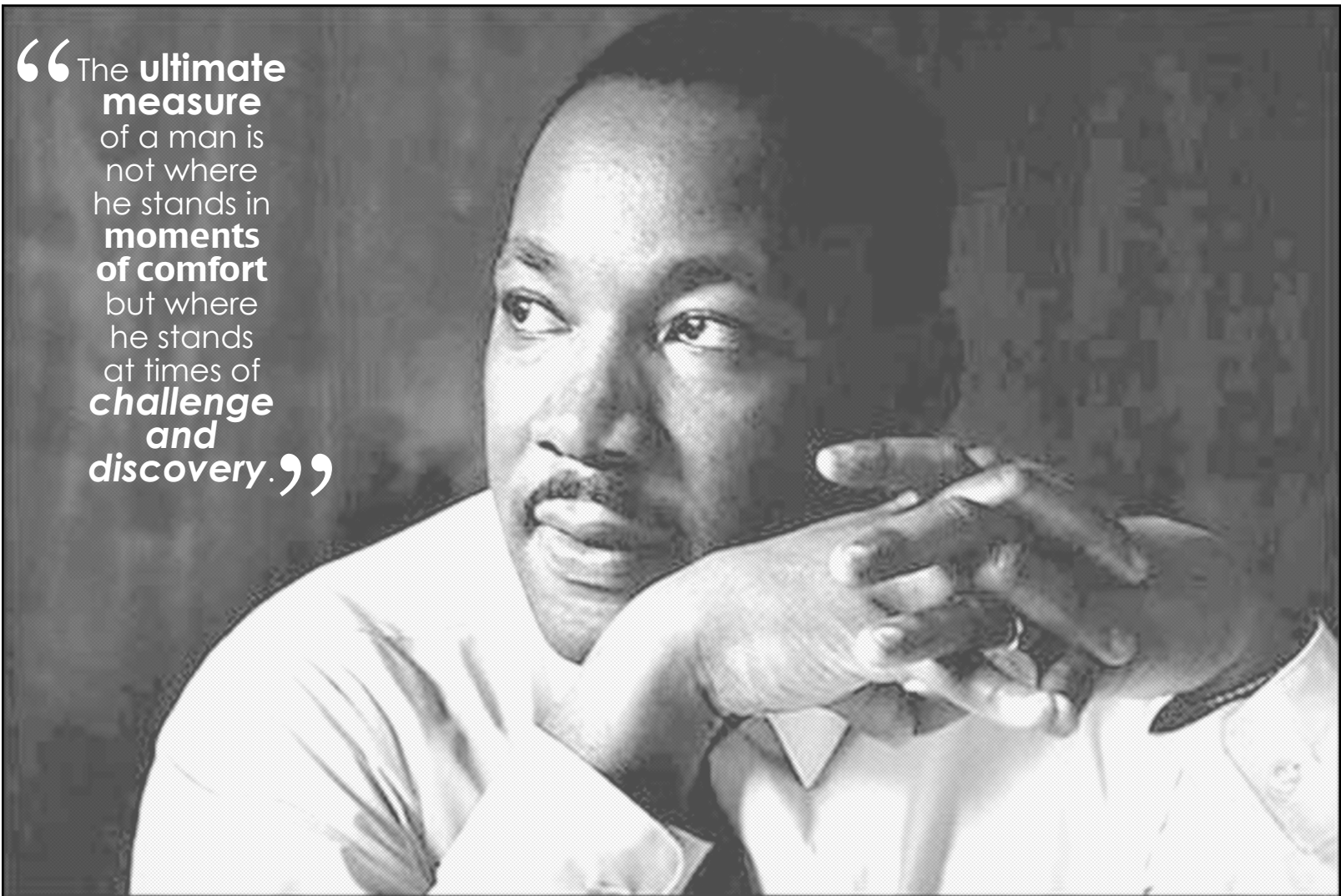


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“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort but where he stands at times of challenge and discovery.”

‘Essence of Blackness’ celebrated on campus

By Brian Johnson
Features Editor

February brings about a number of things. Snow, candy and dinner for Valentine’s Day, but they all take a backseat to Black History Month when it comes to importance. The University has not failed to recognize this with events to mark this special month.

“The Essence of Black-

ness” is the theme this year on campus and the events are set to recognize positive things that African American culture can give such as spirituality, creativity, leadership and hope.

On Friday, the “Tribute to African-American Achievement” will take place at 7 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. The event will be hosted by the Alliance of Black Collegians.

On Saturday, the Minority Men’s Organization will be hosting a special event called “Tribute to the Ladies” at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. President Isioma Nwadoza said it is a time for the men of Northwest to express their appreciation for the school’s ladies.

“We welcome girls who may be single at the time, or even couples to have a good time,” Nwadoza said.

The night will consist of different forms of entertainment including music, poetry, comedy and drama. Deserts and a chocolate fountain will also be featured.

“I know as a guy I don’t really think too much about Valentine’s Day, and I know most ladies will have that at the back of their mind,” Nwadoza said. “We bring them in and show them

a good time regardless of whether they have a Valentine or not.”

Nwadoza said that the M.M.O. said that this event isn’t meant to be a cheesy way to have a bunch of girls come into one building, but a process of growing and applying what they learn from one another. The event last year was a

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TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

CFC cautions against unhealthy relationships

By Cassie Thomas
Chief Reporter

Candy, flowers and signs of love are often the first things that come to mind when February arrives. February is also Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month and the Child and Family Center (CFC) of Northwest Missouri is working to get out the Liz Clairborne, Inc. message that love is not abuse.

“At the CFC we are trying to keep people safe, trying to be proactive,” Muriel Zimmerman, Executive Director, said. “A big part of our mission statement is to educate the community as to what is an unhealthy

relationship and what to do if you are in one or you see someone who is abusive, you can call too and say this is what’s happening and we’ll advise you what you should do.”

Although domestic violence can happen to anyone of any age or at any point in a relationship, dating violence is very prevalent in teen relationships because many teens think that they have to have a boyfriend or girlfriend to be somebody at all, according to Charlotte Gunsolley, victim advocate at the CFC.

“There is a certain status symbol that comes [as a teenager] with having a boyfriend or girlfriend you’re nobody if you don’t

have someone. It is so hard to get people to see that you really don’t know who you are until you’re done with your mid to late 20s, so who you think you’re in love with, infatuated with is not going to be the person you want all along,” Gunsolley said. “I think it’s harder in one sense for teens than it is for someone who is older and more mature because teens, and young college students, think they need someone else in their lives to be a whole person and think what would other people think or are afraid to tell their mom or dad that this is going on.”

Teens hunger to be

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BO BURNHAM



COMEDIAN AND YOUTUBE sensation Bo Burnham performs in front of students Wednesday at the Charles Johnson Theater. Burnham played songs from his first CD and new material on guitar and piano.

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photography editor

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Five-year plan creates change

By Austin Buckner
News Editor

Northwest students may have noticed an increased number of students in the last six months. Food lines take a bit longer in the J.W. Jones Student Union and a larger group of students can be seen mingling in and around The Station.

This increase in students is due to a five-year growth plan established by Northwest in 2007 to increase the student population by 20 percent, or roughly 1000 new students. Interim Provost Douglas Dunham said longer lines and crowded spaces aren’t the only changes that Northwest has seen, and will continue to see, to due to the five-year growth plan. One of the changes includes the hiring of new faculty members.

“We did some calculations when we were proposing the growth plan, and we were talking to faculty, and

the chairs and the faculty senate and we all agreed we would need somewhere between 30 and 34 new faculty to accommodate the student growth,” Dunham said. “By the fall, we will have hired ten faculty. So starting next fall, we will be in year four, so we really ought to be 80 percent of the way toward our faculty hiring. We’re going to be slightly behind that.”

Dean of Enrollment Management Bev Schenkel said the hiring of new faculty members along with the support of the advising office, enrollment management unit and other faculty allows for more sections of classes to be offered and keeps class sizes at a reasonable level.

“The advising office and enrollment management unit works closely with the faculty, particularly in the general education areas, to communicate our enrollment forecasts for the upcoming year so they can make adjustments

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Five Year Plan

- Increase student population by 20 percent.
- Average class size has stayed constant.
- University wants to hire 30-34 new faculty members.
- Plan started ‘07-’08 school year and ends ‘11-’12 school year

GAUNT HOUSE

First family seeks student help to renovate home

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Chief Reporter

A new presidency strikes a new look for the Thomas Gaunt House on campus as the Jasinski family prepares to move their day to day lives on campus.

First lady Denise Jasinski has put an incredible amount of time and effort into revamping the Thomas Gaunt House, as she has taken the burden of remodeling upon herself. Thus far the house has undergone wall, floor, trim and wood work.

"I love it, I love doing this type of thing," Jasinski said. "I love how it's turning out; I think its becoming very homey."

Jasinski has had help from the University in the renovations, both from Environmental Services and Interior Design classes, who have taken advantage of the renovation process.

"They're utilizing this as a project for them. I love that connection,



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INTERIOR DESIGN STUDENTS Whitney Featherston and Katelyn Olson help design one of the rooms in the Gaunt House.

being able to get work in with the students again," Jasinski said.

Jasinski reflects upon all the work that has been done to the house, claiming that it was time for the house to have a face lift.

"We finally have the upstairs carpeted, and that was huge," Jasinski said. "Things are getting cleaned up. I want to say within the next few weeks we should be living here."

Few aspects still remain on the gutting of the interior of the house, including major window treatment.

"It's been a little bit of a challenge because I love the arches and trim work on the windows so it's trying to find something that's going to allow us some privacy, but yet at the same time very easily be able to be opened up to see the arches of the windows," Jasinski said.

The Jasinskis will be bringing their two youngest children to live with them in the house, and Denise speaks for the whole family when she claims they are ready for the move.

"John's ready, he's ready to be on campus. We all would like to be able to cross this task off our list of things to do," Jasinski said.

The family plans to move in before the end of the month and hopes to have open houses to show off all the work that has been done, as soon as the weather permits.

TO WRITE LOVE ON HER ARMS

Students, Wellness Center build awareness of suicide prevention

By Austin Buckner
News Editor

For those who are single, Valentine's Day, the holiday built around love, joy and dating, can also be one of the most depressing times of the year.

Wellness Center Project Specialist said some of the symptoms of suicide can increase around this time of the year.

"A lot of the precursors to suicide would be the fact of loneliness, depression and not having a significant other," Wellness Center Project Specialist Leslie Bowman

said. "You'll find some of the things that lead to pre-suicidal thoughts will be isolation, not being involved in enough activities and really just being a loner."

It's the mission to find help for those dealing with these symptoms that led to the birth of To Write Love on Her Arms. Sophomore Brett Mayekawa, who is attempting to build a TWLOHA Chapter here at Northwest, explains how Northwest students can assist those who may be dealing with stress, depression or other pre-suicidal symptoms.

"When you notice that some-

thing is wrong with someone, reaching out to someone and letting them know that you're there for them helps a lot," Mayekawa said.

One of the main ways TWLOHA helps people dealing with depression, addiction and other symptoms is helping find professional help. One of the avenues for professional help at Northwest is the staff of counselors at the Wellness Center. Bowman realizes students may be reluctant to seek counseling, but believes the Wellness Center is attempting to change the image of counseling.

"This spring we will be promoting and bringing our project to light and calling it Project Hope," Bowman said. "At that point, we'll provide information trying to 'destagnatize' counseling. Students maybe worry that they'll come in and there's a couch and it's scary when it really isn't."

If you or someone you know is dealing with depression, stress, addiction or displaying suicidal tendencies, you can set up a counseling appointment at the Wellness Center by visiting every weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by calling (660) 562-1348.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Training sessions prepare students for upcoming capitol visit

By Andrew Johnson
Missourian Reporter

Northwest students and staff will travel to the state capitol next week. On the agenda, students will lobby for the University, show the legislators the students care about higher education and convey the importance of continued funding for this University.

Those interested in the Legislative Reception in Jefferson City were required to attend one of three training sessions held February 1, 4, and 9 to learn several things about the trip. During the sessions, those in attendance learned of the trips logistics including how to dress, issues that will be discussed, event expectations and the day's agenda.

Joseph Barbosa, governmental affairs co-chair, says the sessions have taught students more than trip logistics, but life skills as well.

"The sessions have taught how to talk to legislators and share information about the issues with them," Barbosa said.

Chelsea Morris, the other co-chair for the event, said she has helped plan the trip for several years and says the training sessions also discussed student's behavior.

"They need to be professional and represent Northwest to the best of their abilities," Morris said.

Morris, who is planning to double major in elementary education and Spanish, says that the trip is beneficial for anyone.

"You make many connections no matter who you meet, which are always going to be beneficial no matter what major you have," says Morris.

Many legislators have trouble distinguishing the many universities in Missouri. This trip helps set Northwest apart from the rest.

"It's easy to get us confused with other schools in Missouri," Barbosa said, "Once we're there, they will know who we are in northwest Missouri."

The all-day trip will begin at 3:45 a.m. and end at 8 p.m. on Feb. 16.



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WEATHERIZATION

CSI program helps reduce energy costs

By Trey Williams
Asst. News Editor

With rough economic times still ahead of us and the need to go green always lingering, there is one organization doing its best to serve both the environment and the citizens of Northwest Missouri.

Northwest Missouri’s Community Services Inc. weatherization program has been helping to reduce the energy cost of homes in five different counties for 15 years. This program helps low income families weatherize their homes. The process is free for families, however the household income must fall within program guidelines. According to communityservicesinc.org, measures taken to weatherize homes include caulking, weather-stripping, repairing/replacing doors and windows, attic insulation, heating and cooling modifications, and when appropriate, replacing furnace units for energy efficiency and safety.

Director Dave Hoffman said that it really helps the occupants, allowing their money to go elsewhere. Hoffman is in charge of managing the seven-man crew that does most of the actual work on the homes, two auditors and two administrative personnel.

“Our mission is to empower the people of need in Northwest Missouri to achieve their goals and improve their standard of living,” Hoffman said.

According to their Web site, weatherization technicians use advanced energy audits and diagnostic equipment to identify the most cost-effective, energy-saving measures for each home. The weatherization program reduces the average energy cost per household by \$300.

The weatherization program is just one way that CSI aims to help the people of Northwest Missouri. Hoffman also heads the CSI’s Housing and Urban Development program. HUD is a program designed to help low, or no income families pay a portion of their monthly rent.

“We assist individuals and help them locate housing,” Hoffman said. “We are currently supporting about 150 homes in the county.”

VALENTINE’S DAY BANQUET

Men of Congregation treat women to meal

By Jonathan Rivera
Missourian Reporter

The Men of Congregation will be throwing a Valentine’s Banquet for women and the Women of Congregation tomorrow. The banquet will be held at the First Christian Church at Third and Buchanan.

The event is a social outing including dinner, music and friendly chatter. The Men of Congregation have also lined up a series of entertainment, skits and games for everyone.

One part of the event that benefits the attendees is the price, free, as the Men of Congregation are present-

ing the event free of charge.

The event will begin with arrival of the women. The men will escort the women to their assigned tables. Followed will be a group photograph and the dinner. The dinner will consist of a three-course meal including salad, chicken alfredo and brownies and ice cream for dessert.

Following dinner will be the fun and games. Once the evening has come to a close, the Men of Congregation will dismiss the women in song. At the conclusion of the event, everyone will be given a card stock frame containing the group

picture taken at the start of the evening.

The Valentine’s Day banquet is being coordinated by student leader Brian Urn. Urn is a senior Social Science Ed major. He is a practicing non-denominational Christian devoted to the Lord. He is a four-year member of the Men of Congregation which is sponsored by Northwest Missouri State University’s Navigators who meet at 8 p.m. every night.

“Our goal, as the Men of Congregation, is to serve and honor the women in a way we feel God would have us honor them; ultimately to bring glory to God,” Urn said.

LADIES’ NIGHT



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LOCAL MERCHANTS GIVE the ladies of Maryville a night of shopping, service, and fun give-a-ways at the 97.1 The Ville’s Ladies Night. The event was held at the MHS commons area Tuesday, Feb. 9, the ladies were given the chance to enter and win a \$1,000 Make-over just in time for Valentines Day.

BUSINESS HIGHWAY 71



photo by courtney edwards | managing editor

TWO CARS SIT in the ditch after a head-on collision on Business 71 Hwy Tuesday in front of Applebees. Three people were taken to St. Francis Hospital after the truck veered into the opposite lane, colliding with the van.

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OUR VIEW

Students utilize University tools to prevent suicide

The mental illnesses that lead to an act of suicide are subjects that go untouched in today's society despite our generation's move towards psychological awareness and openness. It only makes sense that suicide itself would be an uncomfortable topic for people to discuss as well. However, it's time to leave the old ways of sweeping issues under the rug behind. It is time to call it like we see it, discuss these illnesses and suicide

itself and actually do something about it. But nothing can really be done while the shame is still there. In tough economic times, in terrible weather and increased academic responsibilities, we see an increase in depression and suicidal tendencies. People aren't just "blue" because of one bad day or because of one bad grade. It is an accumulation of bad days and bad events. And often-times, warning signs are there.

A person does not have to come out and say he/she is going to commit suicide for the risk to be there and for people to be aware of that risk. The terrible thing about suicide is that it can be prevented in most cases. For any student, suicide is a risk. As one of the leading causes of death for young adults, we should not be surprised by suicide. We should not be afraid to talk about it either. For some, the scars of an inner

turmoil are physically visible. For others, they are shown through the actions and expressions of the individual. For a nation that values the general welfare of its people to such a high degree, for a community that values life as it does, we should not be ignoring these signs. We can sit here and profess that tomorrow will be better, but we do not know that. In all likelihood, things will be better, but it will take time. We can

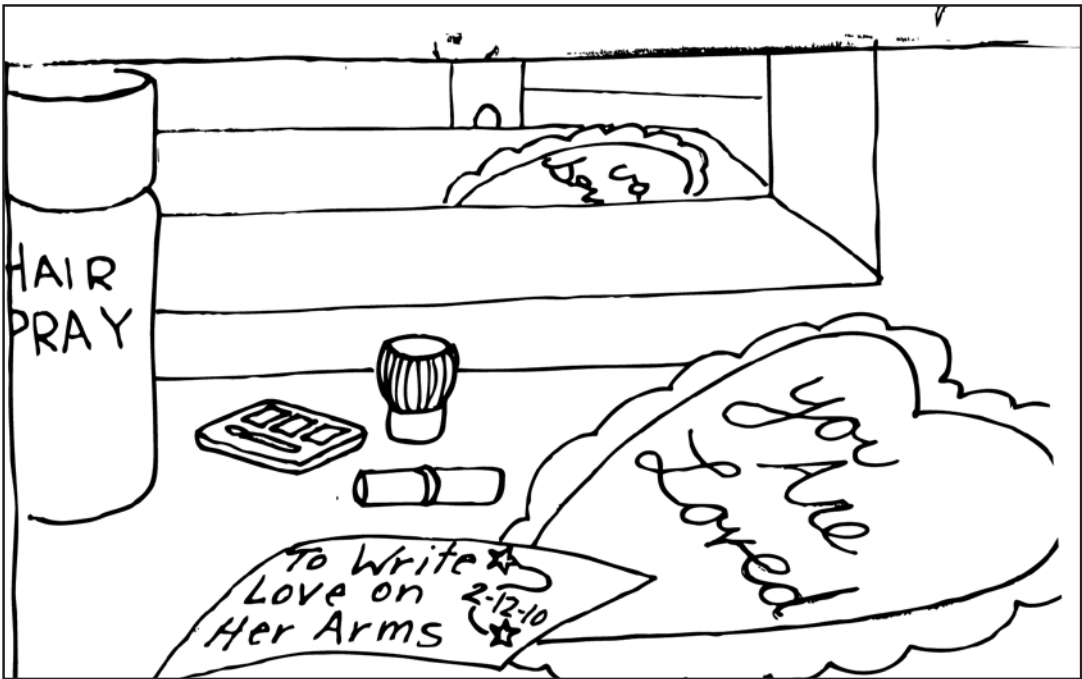
give you pamphlets filled with exclamation points and action steps to aid you in your struggle, but that struggle will not disappear by a pamphlet placed in a brown paper bag. Sure, medication is a tool to aid in the struggle, but a pill will not make your issues go away. Students, you need to reach out. You need to talk. You need to make it known. You have so many tools available, and you need to use every single one of them.

For a person that is struggling with a mental illness, it is not just a battle; it is a war filled with many battles. Some days are not going to go so well, but other days can and will be successful. We can debate the meanings of life and the reasons as to why we are here. But really, the reason to live is life itself. For all the simple beauties we overlook, for every day that is a *good* day- this is why the struggle is worth it.

WHAT THE DEUCE

Bradley Lopez, a professor at Fresno City College in Calif., is being called out on his teaching methods by the American Civil Liberties Union. According to the ACLU, Lopez teaches his religious, anti-gay and anti-abortion views in his lower-level health class. The examples given included using passages from the Bible as evidence against abortion, recommended treatments for homosexuality and apocalyptic references during a lecture about global warming. Since Fresno City College is an institution that receives government funding, the lectures given by Lopez violate the First Amendment's separation clause, which guarantees the free exercise of religion and prohibits a religion being established. By Feb. 15, the ACLU expects a response from the college that will explain how they plan on dealing with the issue.

CARTOON



MY VIEW

Examine history in Black Achievement month

By **Ame Lambert**
Contributing Columnist

Talking about oppression and discrimination is uncomfortable. But we must talk about them because we need to heal, and we have to learn about the past so we can figure out how to create a new future. This is why conversations that focus on blanket goodness or badness by virtue of group identification or membership miss the point. Dominant group members should be willing to hear painful stories of the dominance and oppression meted out by people in that group. But non-dominant group members also must be willing see the ways we have mirrored acts of oppression and dominance in our own actions. I recognize the fear some non-dominant group members hold about this approach. Some non-dominant group members see this dual conversation as a slippery slope because a dominant group member (who wants to deflect rather than courageously face difficult and painful facts) might keep bringing up stories of non-dominant people who did the same terrible things, and soon all of the time is spent talking about degree and pervasiveness of actions, internalized oppres-

sion and everything but the issues people set out to talk about. Privileged people can also end up being the stars of the stories of freedom struggles, the people who 'helped' the less privileged ones who couldn't help themselves; the result of such story telling is the drowning out of the voices of the non-dominant group members who fought for their own freedom. The well-rounded approach can be delicate at best and can be used to hijack the conversation at worst. But because we are humans, we can figure out a way to authentically do this. We need an honest and multifaceted conversation that on the one hand encourages dominant group members to humbly come to the table, willing to hear of the pain and reality of others. On the other hand, the conversation should encourage non-dominant group members to speak up and be heard, to embrace and be willing to hear stories of the courage and goodwill as well as the confusion and pain of dominant group members. The story of people of African descent in America and across the world is one of incredible struggles, continued challenges and inspiring triumphs. But too

often we only hear of the difficulties and stereotypes. No one can be empowered by constantly hearing about how difficult their lives are and how much the odds are stacked against them. That creates a sense of inferiority and learned helplessness. Black Achievement/History month is about remembering and highlighting the many achievements of black people and allowing their stories and voices to be heard and celebrated. Black Achievement month is about courageous people from every background who spoke out, stood up and gave their lives for enduring human ideals like freedom, equity, dignity and self-definition. As we celebrate the essence of blackness in 2010, it is also an opportunity for all of us, whatever cultural background we identify with, to examine the events of our collective histories and listen to the stories being celebrated. We should look for the many ways our stories intersect with the stories being spotlighted. There just might be a righteous gentile or freedom fighter in your history that you have never heard of. Or maybe you will be inspired to become one. In the end, that's what makes this a story about all of us.

MY VIEW

Crying genocide at any conflict harms meaning

There are many facets along the line of just conduct in war, each as important as the other-state sovereignty, global terrorism, self-determination and the responsibility to protect. However, one aspect that isn't addressed enough is the differentiation of genocide from other crimes against humanity when unjust conduct is carried out during war.

There are many examples I can list of unjust conduct during a conflict: China and the Uighurs, Sri Lanka and the Tamils and the level of force used by Israel within the Gaza Strip. We do not label these instances as genocide. We don't even really label them as crimes against humanity, even though horrors against civilians take place in every area mentioned. There is a reason why this happens, and there is a reason why crying wolf too many times is a bad deal for everyone.

There is much debate about the term genocide, and no one can agree on what it should include. Fortunately, we do have a universal definition, and this definition was created by Raphael Lemkin in his work, "Axis Rule in Occupied Europe", and adopted by the United Nations in 1948 following the severe crimes that occurred during World War II. Genocide has many factors, but (simply put) what separates genocide from any ordinary crime



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against humanity is the intent. Did the state in question purposefully decimate an area of people based upon some ethnic or religious identity? In some instances, the answer will be yes. We have seen this even following the identification of genocide and the severity of the crime, most notably Rwanda. However, in some instances, the massive harm that occurs within a region is due to the nature of civil conflict. If a faction is rising up within an area, it only makes sense that this area would be heavily targeted. Religion and ethnicity are not the main reasons; order is the cause. While I do not by any means condone such severe actions such as indiscriminate aerial bombings or rape as a weapon of war in a post-modern area filled with advancement of government, society and technology, it is important to understand the differentiation.

To cry genocide when it is not occurring undermines past and future cases. While we should certainly be looking into instances of unjust conduct during war to determine if genocide is occurring and to prevent an act of genocide, we cannot label any crime against humanity as genocide just to increase public attention or to demonize an enemy. Charging a leader with a crime against humanity is a grave enough offense, one we can hardly deal with the way it is.

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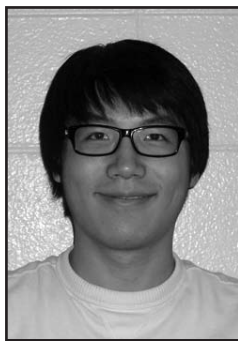


"To a certain extent, but since ultimately we all work together as a government and as a country so not much bad mouthing should be going on because the President needs to present a professional image and back his government and the country."

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VIOLENCE:
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Teens hunger to be liked by their peers and, according to Zimmerman, this makes them willing to overlook emotional or physical abuse, especially if the other person promises it won't happen again or says they didn't mean it.

"Only 33 percent of teens in an abusive relationship only ever say anything because they want so badly to be liked," Zimmerman said.

There are many resources for anyone who thinks they may be in an abusive relationship and for people who need options on how to get out of an abusive relationship.

"If anybody even has a clue that a relationship they are in is abusive, I definitely recommend they talk to someone they trust: a counselor, a teacher, a parent, a close friend, minister, or call our hotline," Zimmerman said.

If a student is in an abusive relationship or knows someone who may be they can call the Wellness Center and speak to a counselor or they can call the CFC at (660)-562-2320. The CFC also offers a toll free crisis line at 1-866-382-7867.

"If someone calls and reports abuse we are going to listen and be non-judgmental, and we want them to tell their story and we will remain completely confidential. We may never know their name but we want to know what is going on in their life and let them know they have choices to make and decide what do they want to do," Zimmerman said.

ENROLLMENT: University accomodates student growth with new programs

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sections that they're going to offer of general education courses," Schenkel said. "We've seen the departments respond by increasing the number of sections to accommodate the growth in students that we've seen."

Schenkel went on to say class sizes have stayed constant, despite the growth in student population, at about 22 students per class.

Schenkel commented on

conversions the University has made to some under-utilized spaces on campus into new classrooms to ease congestion brought on by the increase in student population.

"We do have new software that helps us assess the usage rate of our classrooms, the different size of classrooms and the time of day that those classrooms are being used," Schenkel said. "We were able to add new classrooms last year by moving some things out of

academic buildings and into other facilities. For example, the writing center was moved to the library."

Another tool implemented by the University to ease overpopulation in various areas on campus is the addition of more convenience stores around campus.

"You've probably noticed the convenience store in the station; there's one in Garret Strong," Dunham said. "We're trying to offer more opportunities for students

to have more options rather than just having to go to the Student Union, even though there are some options that have been increased there as well."

Dunham and Schenkel agree the University is on par with the projections of the five-year plan in terms of number of new students and changes to accommodate these students. The five-year growth plan is scheduled to complete at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, at which time Dunham hopes

enrollment stays consistent.

"It doesn't mean we're going to increase, increase, increase," Dunham said. "Let's just say (enrollment) levels off, so we've got our 7,000 students at Northwest and we keep those 7,000 students. If the number of first-time full-time freshmen is declining, we still have a good number of people in the system to keep us near that 7,000. It's important to reach some plateau and then stay there. That would be the plan."

ESSENCE: Student groups celebrate past and present black achievements

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success Nwadoza said, and he is expecting the same thing this year.

Nwadoza had not heard much about Black History Month before he immigrated to the United States from Nigeria, and when it comes to a black hero that Nwadoza looks up to, he is quick to point out Martin Luther King Jr.

"Everyday's a celebration of blackness back from where we come from," Nwadoza

said. "When I got here, when I got to experience it myself... I came to understand the importance of celebrating one's heritage. I know now there were some things I would've taken for granted back home."

On Feb. 19, the Delta Sigma Theta sorority will be hosting the Crimson and Cream Scholarship Pageant at 7 p.m. at the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building. President Dominique Evans says that the event will crown "Mr. Devastating" after four seg-

ments that include introductions, a sportswear/pajama competition, a talent portion and an interview portion. The winner will get scholarship money.

The last event to wrap up Black History Month will take place at 7 p.m. on March 7 in the Union Ballroom. The event taking place is the third annual Black Achievement Celebration Dinner.

At the dinner, "Students Taking Action Through Service" will be giving away the third annual African Ameri-

can Achievement Award given to an outstanding student or faculty member that has shown involvement in the campus and community. There will also be a variety of performances including song, dance and spoken word. The keynote speaker for the event will be Lasana Hotep, who was a part of the Vision and Empowerment Institute on campus early last semester.

Students Taking Action Through Service is one of the biggest multicultural organizations on campus with

about 70 members said organization president Jason Williams. Their projects include study sessions, a partnership with the admissions office and reaching out to students in inner-city high schools to encourage them to pursue higher education.

"It's an opportunity to educate the campus population about African American history and African Americans and what we're doing here on campus," Williams said, talking about Black History Month.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 3
Kira Lazenby, 23, Maryville, wanted on warrant-failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Gregory T. Dombek, 33, Maryville, dog at large, 200 block of N. Alvin

Feb. 6
Charles E. Jones, 22, Kansas City, Mo., wanted on warrant-failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

April D. Benney, 22, Easton, Mo., wanted on warrant-failure to appear,

400 block of N. Market

ACCIDENTS

Feb. 4
Helen D. Muldrew, 82, Maryville, collided with **Erik W. Schrader**, 22, Maryville, at the intersection of S. Main and E. Edwards

Susan D. Frankum, 55, Maryville, collided with **Linda S. Simmons**, 61, Parnell, Mo., at the intersection of S. Main and E. South Ave.

OBITUARY

Claudette Pearl Dye
1938-2010

Claudette Pearl Dye, 72, Elmo, Mo., died at her daughter's home Sun., Feb. 7, 2010.

She was born Feb. 3, 1938 in Council Bluffs, Iowa; the daughter of the late Claude and Myrtle (Buttz) Brown. She was united in marriage to Robert Lee Dye, April 6, 1956 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Robert preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1986.

Others preceding her in death stillborn daughter, Kathy

Jo Dye, brother, Frank Brown, sisters, Luella Costess, Wanda Brown and Judy Frieze, and one granddaughter, Ashley Dye.

She attended Council Bluffs High School and was a Certified Medical Technician, retiring from Nodaway Nursing Home, Maryville, Mo.

Surviving are sons, William Dye, Wellington, Kan., Randy (Tammy) Dye, Elmo, Mo.; daughters, Debra (Dennis) Kent, Shelly Salyer and Sadie (Doug) Leabo all of Elmo, Mo.; brothers, Claude Brown,

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Floyd Brown, state of Neb., Kenny Brown, state of Kansas; sister, Rosetta Inman, Omaha, Neb.; 9 grandchildren, Tiffany, Aaron, Heather, Eain, Jeremy, Jennifer, Amanda, Alyson and Adison; 4 great-grandchildren, Bryan, Jasmine, Rose and Sedilia.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 11, 2010, with the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Price Funeral Home, Maryville, Mo. Burial will be at LaMar Cemetery, Elmo, Mo.

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Hungry for Hospitality



By Emily Demarea
 Missourian Reporter

Ask any college student what one of the most valued benefits of being a college student is and they're almost guaranteed to say the occasional free food. Religious organizations on and near campus are doing their part to distribute food to students through weekly dollar dinners.

The Newman Center, located on the corner of Fourth and College, is a very established religious organization on campus. Founded in 1922, the Newman Center quickly became popular to students for its free dinners on Wednesday nights.

"The reason we put these dinners on is because we are a ministry of hospitality," Newman Center Director, Bridget Brown said. "We want people to know they're welcome here, which is reflective of the sense of belonging that comes from sharing a liturgical and impor-

tant meal."

The Newman Center welcomes all students to its dinners, which are held on Wednesday nights, in the Newman Center main lounge. The food is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

Another church organization that provides dinners to Northwest students is the Lutheran Campus Center, located at 624 College Ave. These dinners cost only \$1, and are made possible by the volunteering ladies of Hope Lutheran Church (located on Main Street).

"It gives students an opportunity to socialize with one another," said Hannah Young, director of the Lutheran Campus Center.

With a very welcoming atmosphere, the Lutheran Campus Center is the place to be at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Baptist Student Union is one of the more popular locations for weekly dinners on campus. Ranging from 60-70 students attending each meal, the program is able to survive by an organizational budget

and volunteers.

The Baptist Student Union holds its Dollar Dinner, along with an "After Dinner Mince" which usually consists of a game or two, at 6:15 p.m. Monday in the Baptist Student Union.

"The Dollar Dinners that we hold are an entry point for students to feel welcomed in our organization," Director Jason Yarnell said. "We don't ask for anything in return, and we provide the dinners to demonstrate Jesus' love in a practical way."

One of the common statements of the students who attending the Dollar Dinner last Monday seemed to be that, "The food was very good."

Freshman Jake Henry shared that everybody at the Baptist Student Union is nice and willing to help.

"It's a great place to meet people," he added.

No matter what the religion, one thing seemed to be consistent with all of the campus religious organizations: a welcoming environment.

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JUNIORS JUSTIN WIENERS and Kate Sunken pose for a shot while sharing a pink lemonade. One of the things they plan on doing this Valentine's Day is enjoying a romantic comedy.

Letters to Cupid



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JUNIOR JUSTIN WEINERS feeds his long-time girlfriend junior Kate Sunken during their make-shift picnic indoors. Weiners and Sunken both just want to enjoy each others company for Valentine's Day.

Couple shares their own ideal Valentine's Day without influence from each other

By Philip Gruenwald
Chief Reporter

Everyone loves Valentine's Day. Nothing says "I love you" more than the obligatory purchase of the same box of chocolates and arrangement of flowers that every other girl on campus is getting from every other guy on campus. Don't tell me you don't like it. There's a comfort in this tradition, like those two families in the Appalachian foothills who murdered each other over a disagreement about a goat two hundred years ago. Hey, why mess with a good thing? As men, we know that we are (begrudgingly) doing our part to make our respective better halves happy for a day. Ladies, take pride in your power over us as we endlessly play our part in this frilly, pink and cavity-inducing charade. It's all for you.

Juniors Justin Wieners and Kate Sunken have been dating for over two years. They were each separately asked what their ideal Valentine's Day would be like, and their answers are juxtaposed right here. The point of this experiment isn't to break up the lovely couple or to start a fight. The point here is to encourage honesty – straight, unadulterated honesty, because maybe that's what Valentine's Day should be all about.

Kate's response:

It's Thursday the 11th. Do you know what that means? Yep, Justin and I have been going out for two years. Exciting, huh? Kinda makes Valentine's Day less of a big deal. I mean, I'm still looking forward to it, but I just hope Justin doesn't feel obligated to go all out for it, you know? I really don't ask much for Valentine's Day, but if I could plan it all out perfectly it would go something like this:

I'd really like to be surprised by a call or a text sometime during the day. I'm usually pretty busy, but something like that would be totally awesome. And maybe then like between classes or during lunch, maybe when I went back to my room there'd be a

note that says something sweet. Or maybe a rose or something – that would be really cute. And something that I don't expect. That's the best – when it's something you don't expect. That night, I'd like to be surprised by where we go. But nothing too fancy – I'd rather just be somewhere inside where we can talk. Like a picnic, except it's too cold outside so a picnic inside would be perfect, and afterward just hanging out or watching a movie. Any movie, really, but nothing too mushy. I don't want to watch "The Hangover" on Valentine's Day, you know, but "How to Lose a Guy In 10 Days" would be good. That's like the perfect movie for this. And Justin should be okay with that because he likes Kate Hudson.

As far as gifts, I would

never want like diamond earrings or a diamond necklace, because then I'd feel obligated to wear them every day of my life. I don't want that. But maybe something sentimental or symbolic of our relationship, like a picture of us or something cute. And stuffed animals are definitely a one time thing. I'm 20, not ten. Overall, I feel you shouldn't try to meet a certain level of cuteness, you know what I mean? That you should just try and let it flow.

We've never really celebrated Valentine's Day super big in the past, but he's always done something really cute and special to let me know that it is a day where he's thinking about me. That's really the perfect Valentine's Day for me.

Justin's response:

Man, I sure am pumped for Valentine's Day. I've got some good stuff lined up for Kate. Here's how I would want the day to turn out, ideally:

It'd be tight to just get up, maybe have a laid-back breakfast, maybe watch some TV all day, and then I would say on the night, maybe go out to a nice place for dinner, go to a movie, maybe a romantic comedy because I secretly like chick flicks and it's like the perfect common ground for a date movie. We'd get some candy, and then maybe if it wasn't so cold go out for a walk. Yeah. A walk really opens up for good conversation, plus you get to hold hands. That's always nice.

On my perfect Valentine's Day, I would want some gummy worms and maybe a big old Mountain Dew. I'll probably get her some of her favorite chocolates or some sort of candy. But man, I was looking on the Internet last night and a dozen roses are like 85 bucks. I can't justify spending that much money on something that's going to wilt. But we have a lot of the same views on money, and I don't feel like she'd expect me to spend a ton of it on a date because we'd have just as much fun doing something else. It's weird though. I'd say the gift is probably 80 percent external, and based on what other people think. I'd want to get her something simple and meaningful just to treat her and serve her, you

know? But everybody is all like "So what are you getting her for Valentine's Day?" And I just feel bad because I just want to get her some candy or something because I know that that's what she would want, too. And I feel bad for not going big and buying some jewelry or something. I don't think she would care either because she would enjoy the candy, or even something small if it was something special, but it's more about the girls, mainly, not really boys. I don't know what girls talk about. I would like to know what they say to each other because girls are weird. Basically, I feel like if there's a lot of laughs and a lot of love it's a perfect Valentine's Day, you know? That's what sounds good to me.

Fans won't get fair shake with uncapped year

With the eminent uncapped year approaching in the NFL and the possibility of a lockout for the 2011 season, I think it's time to renounce my NFL fanhood.

What other choice do I really have? It's apparent the NFL doesn't care for their fans, even though Commissioner Roger Goodell has tried to say that the lockout is bad for everyone.

It's good for the owners though. Goodell tried to hide the fact that written into the current collective bargaining agreement is a clause that would pay the owners \$5 billion if no football is played in 2011, according to NFL Players Association director DeMaurice Smith.

Not only would the owners make out like bandits in this time of economic turmoil, all

of the players would have to take a pay cut of \$340,000 or 18 percent. Not happening; plain and simple.

Neither side wants to make this work. The owners want their money and so do the players. Everyone understands this is a business, but with all the business focused on who gets their money, the fans get hung out to dry.

No salary cap in 2010 would mean every team would be in a bidding war to give free agents one-year contracts to win a Super Bowl. How fair is that to the dedicated fans of teams that have struggled recently?

The rich get richer in today's society and unfortu-



Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

nately pro football is no different.

So with the lockout looming; chances of it happening on a scale of one to 10 is a "14", according to Smith.

Goodell denies the imminence of the lockout and the 18 percent pay cut request, but other sources are teaming up against him, making the future of the NFL to the average fan very bleak.

With all of this in mind, I'm taking this opportunity to give other sports leagues the opportunity to receive my fanhood, much like Seattle fans did when the Sonics left for Oklahoma City. This time though I'm opening it up for whole leagues.

COLUMN

NCAA coaches are robbing the cradle and stealing childhoods

Well, Lane Kiffin is at it again. After telling an 18-year old South Carolina recruit he would be washing cars for the rest of his life, he has now moved on to newer, and younger recruits to torment with his tactics.

For those who are not yet aware, Kiffin, the newly hired replacement for college football mastermind Pete Carroll, has just received a verbal commitment from a "talented" northeast gunslinger. David Sills, a seventh grader from Delaware (no that is not a typo, he really is a 13-year old middle schooler), has just sold his soul to the devil.

I have seen the videos that are spreading across the Internet like wild fire. I have read the comments from his parents, his football coach and from the young quarterback himself. However, I have yet to see what the rush was all about.

Yes, he is a good middle school player. Yes, he is more physically mature than many

at his age. However, I do not see why the kid had to make things beyond complicated for himself giving Kiffin the pleasure of being the most controversial coach in sports.

When will it end? I mean, I get as excited as the next college football enthusiast when it comes to seeing which of the nation's next young crop of talent signs at my school of choice. However, this makes me nervous.

I know the kind of pressure high school seniors go through after giving a soft verbal commitment to a school, I can only imagine the kind of pressure and verbal torture this kid will have to stomach for the next six years. He's not just going to be under the scrutinizing eye of every fan that watches one of his games, but also the all seeing eyes of



Tony Botts
Community Sports Editor

the NCAA.

This poor kid is a recruiting violation waiting to happen, but I guess Kiffin is pretty used to that by now. If this kid chose USC solely for the fact that Kiffin was head coach, he should probably be prepared to hear it from the Trojan fans when he switches his commitment to Kiffin's new school this time again next year.

It is time for the NCAA to restrict any form of direct communication in regards to recruiting between colleges and high school athletes prior to their junior year. This kid hasn't even taken the ACT or SAT and certainly does not have a high school transcript. Congratulations Kiffin, you have recruited an ineligible student-athlete.

Let the kids be kids. They have more important things

The NBA and NCAA seem most likely to win my services as I find football and basketball far more entertaining than I do baseball, soccer, hockey, golf, tennis or whatever else lies out there.

I'm praying this doesn't happen because I don't know how I'll get through August to February without football every Sunday.

Do it for the fans, whatever it takes to get it done. Compromise; please for our sakes. Take a 10 percent pay cut; write a 1 billion dollar increase into the owners take each season.

Do something; just don't cancel the 2011 season. You may lose fans that won't come back, myself possibly included. How can we trust you, if you can't be civilized and realize that there's more to it than the money?

to worry about like backyard football, Will Ferrell movies and middle school dances.

You don't see Coach Tjeerdsma moseying over to the middle school practice fields to get a head start on the recruiting class of 2015. It may be wise for you Mr. Kiffin to take note. Last time I checked, which I could be wrong, but I'm not, Tjeerdsma has more national titles to his name than you have consecutive seasons spent with one team as a head coach.

In no way do I ask this young boy to shoulder any of the blame for this fiasco. He was simply acting on his childhood dream, but I only wish it could have stayed that way for at least a few more years. I wish it could have been the sole motivating factor in his preparation and development as a young man; the need to prove himself to college football coaches, and prove to himself that he could. Now, he has to prove to the world he can do it.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks
Prediction record (2-7)
NCAA Lock
Maryland at Duke — Maryland That's right, I'm picking an upset as my lock. I'm that sure Maryland will take this game. The Terps are on a roll and Duke is just the next in line.

NCAA Upset
Nebraska at Texas — Nebraska After the tough loss to Kansas the Husker men will take advantage of the unsuspecting Longhorns.

NCAAAW Lock
Iowa State at Nebraska — Skers Finally we pick a real sport. I mean come on NCAA men can't hold up to their women counterpart. While all the other guys are going ga-ga over the Huskies there is another undefeated team in women's basketball who aren't exactly chumps either. Yes, the Huskers are top dogs in the Big 12. They're the only ones who have a shot at the title besides UConn. Come on everyone I'm allowing you to jump on this Big Red band wagon. We beat the Cyclones once on the road and there's no way my ladies are dropping this one in the Devaney Center. Suh might have won AP Player of the Year, but watch Kelsey Griffin take Player of the Year too. Must be something in the water up in Lincoln.

NCAAAW Upset
UConn at Oklahoma — Okla After a little help from their Big 12 friends, Nebraska will become the only undefeated team in the land.

NBA Dunk Champ
Gerald Wallace
Going with the Bobcat on this one. Kid's got some big hops.

Jason's Picks
Prediction record (4-5)
NCAA Lock
Kentucky at Tenn — Kentucky Kentucky is head and shoulders the best team in the SEC. Tennessee knocked off my team earlier in the season, but they don't have it in them to knock off another Top 3 team. John Wall and the Wildcats run wild in this one.

NCAA Upset
UConn at Villanova — UConn Connecticut is up and down and Villanova recently fell to Georgetown, another up and down team. I don't want to go against Scottie Reynolds, but this is as logical as I can be this week.

NCAAAW Lock
St. John's at UConn — UConn I mean seriously, with this option available there is no other choice. They've won 62 straight, it's ridiculous how good they are. Tina Charles does everything to make this team go and Maya Moore will be the No. 1 pick in the WNBA Draft. She can do anything on a basketball court that a man can do and maybe more.

NCAAAW Upset
Alabama at Georgia — Bama Georgia has lost four of their last five and needed overtime to get that win. The Lady Bulldogs are in danger of falling out of the Top 25 and Alabama is more than willing to help them out of the polls.

NBA Dunk Champ
Shannon Brown
The Lakers guard has been putting up highlight reel dunks in his limited game action this season. His creativity far outweighs the other contestants in this one.

Tony's Picks
Prediction record (5-4)
NCAA Lock
W. Virginia at Pittsburgh — WVU After a minor hiccup against Nova, Bob Huggins and the Mountaineers should have little trouble getting back on track against a Pitt team that has lost four of its last seven. Mountaineers win big at Pitt.

NCAA Upset
Purdue at Ohio State — Buckeyes Ohio State has had a relaxed schedule over the last few games and should benefit from fresh legs. Purdue has played extremely well all year. They will be in a hostile environment at OSU. Evan Turner will lead the charge against Purdue.

NCAAAW Lock
UConn at Oklahoma — UConn This did not take much thought. It's UConn, come on now. Let's be honest, when will UConn ever lose again? Even though Oklahoma has seen its fair share of winning days, the Sooners won't benefit from the loss of inside scoring threat Courtney Paris as they did last year.

NCAAAW Upset
Iowa State at Nebraska — Cyclones Nebraska has already experienced one nightmarish game from the Cyclones in Lincoln during the school year, why not make it two? With no Ndamakung Suh to save the day and for the Cyclones to worry about, the Huskers will cry those same sad tears as they chalk up another 'L' against their neighbors from the east.

NBA Dunk Champ
Nate Robinson
The man cleared Dwight Howard for the Dunk title last year and should have no creativity issues this year. In a field with inexperienced young dunkers, Robinson will 'wow' the crowd for back-to-back titles.

Kevin's Picks
Prediction record (0-0)
NCAA Lock
Louisville at Syracuse — 'Cuse Syracuse is rolling. Riding a big winning streak, they will welcome Coach Rick Pitino and the Cardinals. This game will be closer than people think, but 'Cuse will pull out the win at home.

NCAA Upset
Maryland at Duke — Terps It's hard to go against the consistently dominant Dukies, but Maryland is a very underrated team and Duke is going to be winded after their big game at North Carolina, a team in dire need of a big win. The Terapins will go into Durham and pull out the upset.

NCAAAW Lock
Baylor at Iowa State — Baylor This is a big game in the battle for the Big 12. Baylor will go into Ames, though, and deliver a beat down to Iowa State. Freshman Brittney Griner, the 6'8" phenom, will have another big game in this win.

NCAAAW Upset
UNC at Virginia — Lady Hokies The slumping Tar Heels will continue to slide down hill, with their men's team, when they go into Virginia. They have struggled in conference play and will not be able to turn it around in this game.

NBA Dunk Champ
Gerald Wallace
Wallace has been a high flyer his entire career. He has been having a break out season this year to take his place among the game's elite. He will add to his legacy with a dunk contest victory.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?



"I really liked the Homeaway.com commercial. I'm, going on vacation over spring break so I hope nothing like that happens to me."

Meagan Blunt
Undecided



"I loved the Bud Light commercial. It's not everyday you see a house made of beer."

Kyra McNeal
English Education



"The Tim Tebow commercial because Tim Tebow is my favorite football player."

Matthew Massey
Corporate recreation



"My favorite commercial was the Doritos commercial because he's protective of his mom and his Doritos."

Sidney Priebe
Psychology



"Doritos commercial with the little black boy who slaps the guy telling him not to touch his mama or Doritos."

Michael Nolan
Biology/Psychology



"Budwieser Clydesdale because I got to pet them at Busch Gardens in Tampa."

Steph Sisson
Elem. Ed/Special Ed.



"The first ETrade commercial with the 'milkaholic'. I love the little kid in those commercials."

Brien Salley
Business Management



"My favorite Super Bowl commercial was the one with the guy having a Doritos costume on."

Erin Grimm
Cellular/Molecular Biology



"I like the Budweiser commercials because they have been a staple of every Super Bowl since I was a small child."

Sean Vos
Psychology/Therapeutic Recreation

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

'Hounds pass conference road challenge

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

The Lady Spoofhounds faced a tough road challenge Tuesday night as they made the long trip to Chillicothe for a conference match up.

Head coach Grant Hagemen said the road trip posed as a threat due to the 'Hounds struggling road performances in the recent past.

"Last night we played a Chillicothe team and it's always tough to go on the road to Chilli and be on the bus for two-hours," Hagemen said. "The format was a little different, it was a varsity-only game. I was a little worried we haven't played well on the road lately. So it was definitely a goal to come out and get off to a good start."

Hagemen said the defense

began the night rather shaky, but the offense performed better than they had the previous Saturday at Clarinda (Iowa).

When the final buzzer sounded, the 'Hounds had the game well in hand with a 72-43 win.

The 'Hounds rode a balanced attack Tuesday on their way to victory as opposed to the lopsided three-point attack last Saturday.

"I thought we did a better job getting the ball inside," Hagemen said. "We didn't always get a shot inside, but we forced the defense to collapse a lot. It opened up driving lanes and we kicked it back out or it opened up the outside shot. We hit seven threes last night. I thought we got some easy looks and that's important against the zone especially, inside."

In their outing against Clarinda, the 'Hounds collected ten threes. However, this frustrated Hagemen because their offense revolved around the three-point arch rather than spreading the ball around the lane.

Leading the way for the 'Hounds were seniors Meridee Scott and Emily Kisker who scored 20 and 21 points, respectively.

Hagemen also credited the team's effort and inside presence for the team's success.

"I thought our post players played well," Hagemen said. "They did a good job of getting the ball inside and doing something with it. Taylor Gadbois and Tracy Jensen did a good job of getting extra shots and second chances and finding gaps in the zone. They did a good job

of getting open."

Hagemen and the 'Hounds now turn their focus toward conference foe St. Joseph Benton.

"Benton is going to be one of our toughest games this year," Hagemen said. "They're ranked No. 2 in Class 4. They come in at 16-2 and they just get all over you defensively. It's going to be a great game for us because we need show that we can handle pressure defensively and they are going to get up in our face and guard, so it's going to be tough game for us. It's going to be exciting because it's at home and we have won a lot in a row here. I think we have won 12 games in a row."

The 'Hounds take on Benton at home Thursday, with the Freshman team beginning at 5 p.m.



file photo

SENIOR GUARD EMILY Kisker looks for an open lane against Smithville. The Spoofhounds defeated Smithville 52-34 last Thursday.

WRESTLING

Spoofhounds claim runner-up trophy, focus turns toward districts

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

Going into Saturday's wrestling tournament, head coach Joe Drake was skeptical about how his team would handle the tournament's dual-format and the number of open spots in the Spoofhound's lineup.

Drake's skepticism was promptly replaced after the team captured yet another second place trophy.

Senior Dannen Merrill, 125 lbs. weight class, was

pleased with the way he and his teammates wrestled throughout the tournament.

"The team wrestled really well," Merrill said. "They wrestled a lot better than they had in the last couple of weeks and it showed. It was a good confidence booster going into districts for a lot of them."

The 'Hounds faced little opposition on their way to the championship dual. They defeated Plattsburg, 54-18, by winning all of the

team's matches excluding the two opens and two other losses via decision. Next, they crushed Van Horn 72-6 and St. Mary's 73-6.

Rolling onto the championship pool, the 'Hounds defeated Gallatin 58-18 to punch their ticket to the championship match against conference foe, Cameron.

After battling with Cameron on many occasions throughout the season, the 'Hounds fell 40-30 to Cameron for the final time this

year during the championship match.

However, both Merrill and Drake attributed the team's success to wrestlers understanding the importance of pinning their opponents.

"The team adjusted well," Merrill said. "The other guys, where we had spots, got pins to make up for the points we gave up or would not be able to earn."

With the Albany tournament behind them, the

'Hounds now turn their focus towards districts this Saturday.

Merrill said the team has high expectations going into this weekend's district tournament. He said if all wrestlers go out and wrestle well, there is a strong possibility of multiple 'Hounds making a state appearance.

One item that Drake said was significant going into this weekend is the amount of winning records spread across the team's lineup.

"We only have two wrestlers in our starting group, two out of twelve, that have losing records," Drake said. "As I said, we had a tremendous weekend. Everyone wrestled extremely well. Everyone came out on the positive side of wins and losses. Right now, everything is looking good. I think the attitude is good, the momentum is starting to build and the kids are excited going into the district tournament, which is a good thing."

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES
OF THE WEEK

Ben
McKim

Abby
Henry

Maryville
Basketball

Dannen
Merrill



Senior thrower Ben McKim preliminary qualified for the weight throw at the Central Missouri Mules Relays on Saturday. He also preliminary qualified for the shot put. He automatically qualified in the shot put earlier in the season to go to the national meet in New Mexico.



Sophomore point guard Abby Henry scored 64 points in two games last week. She scored a career-high 31 points in Northwest's 81-77 loss to Nebraska-Omaha. She topped it by setting a new career-high of 33 in the 'Cats 106-102 double overtime loss to Pittsburg State on Saturday.

Maryville



Basketball

The Spoofhounds are 15-2 on the season after its 72-43 win over Chillicothe on Monday. Seniors Emily Kisker and Meridee Scott led the way with 21 and 20 points, respectively. They haven't lost in 12 games, last falling to Hamilton 55-51 back on Dec. 17.



Senior Dannen Merrill capped off another undefeated weekend Saturday at the Albany Tournament. He also helped to lead his team to a second place finish in the dual tournament. Merrill, the No. 3 ranked 130 lbs. wrestler in Class 1, begins his State Title defense this weekend at Districts.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL



file photo

SOPHOMORE GUARD SHELLY Martin floats a shot over a Truman State defender in the Jan. 9 game at Bearcat Arena. The ‘Cats defeated the Bulldogs 68-65.

Bearcats fall short in pair of thrillers

By Brian Bosiljevac
Univ. Sports Editor

The women’s basketball team takes the week off after dropping back-to-back heart-breakers.

Last week started with the Bearcats (11-10, 7-7) dropping an 81-77 game to Nebraska-Omaha on the road.

Sophomore Abby Henry scored a career-high 31 points.

The ‘Cats battled back from a 21-9 first half deficit to take a 40-38 lead into halftime.

The second half featured a back and forth battle, but Northwest fell apart down the stretch.

The ‘Cats stayed on

the road to take on Pittsburg State Saturday. Things looked good as Northwest jumped out to an 11-point first half lead, but the second half featured a Gorilla comeback.

“We just played, awful, awful, awful defense,” head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. “There are some amazing statistics from that Pitt game. At halftime we’d given up five offensive rebounds. In the second half and overtime we gave up a total of 29. We forced 60 missed shots. Most teams don’t take 60 misses.”

Pitt State’s second half comeback forced double overtime. The

Gorillas won the game 106-102, leaving the ‘Cats with their second four-point loss in two games.

“I’m beating myself up bad,” Steinmeyer said. “I ask the players to beat themselves up too, but only because I beat myself up. I always said in coaching if you win by 15 or lose by 15 coaches probably have very little to do with it. You lost two four-point games and you feel like coaching has a lot to do with it. You just wonder if you revisit that situation again, what are you going to do different? It drives you nuts. I want my players to do the same thing because if we get into that situation again what are they

going to do?”

Henry set a career-high for the second straight game with 33 points in the loss.

“We have so many weapons on our team,” Henry said. “Shelly (Martin), Gentry (Dietz) and everyone has gone off for really big games. Some games the other team is more worried about who ever went off in the last game. I get more chances to take shots when somebody else is a big threat to another team.”

The ‘Cats have a bye this week and will take on Missouri Western Saturday.

The ‘Cats take on Missouri Western at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MEN’S STATISTICS

Northwest		Pitt State
68	Points	77
52.1	Field Goal pct.	52
29	Rebounds	27
14	Assists	14
40	Three point pct.	36.4
14	Turnovers	5
1	Steals	8
75	Free throw pct.	67.7
5	Blocks	2

WOMEN’S STATISTICS

Northwest		Pitt State
102	Points	106
37.2	Field Goal pct.	35.5
55	Rebounds	71
21	Assists	11
42.9	Three point pct.	16.7
17	Turnovers	21
8	Steals	7
83.9	Free throw pct.	75
5	Blocks	7

MEN’S STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Central Mo.	13-1	20-1
2. Fort Hays	12-2	18-3
3. South Baptist	10-4	19-5
4. Mo. West	9-6	14-8
7. Northwest	6-9	11-11

WOMEN’S STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Emporia St.	13-2	20-2
2. Washburn	12-3	18-3
3. Pittsburg St.	9-6	11-11
4. Fort Hays St.	8-6	15-6
6. Northwest	7-8	11-11

TRACK AND FIELD

Newly ranked ‘Cats add provisionals

By Jon Brown
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcats added four more provisional qualifiers to the list at the Central Missouri Mule Relays.

Sophomore Tyler Shaw improved his provisional mark by running an 8.08 in the 60-meter hurdles, finishing third.

“I think he is going to run a lot faster,” head coach Scott Lorek said. “There are still several

things we are working on and he is coming around in to it.”

Senior Ben McKim provisionally qualified in the weight throw after automatically qualifying for the shot put earlier this season.

“It’s great to see him pick up a second event,” Lorek said.

Junior Kate Walter posted a career-high in the weight throw with a throw of 55-feet, 4.25 inches, improving her pro-

visional qualifying mark. Walter placed second in the event with a throw of 55-feet, 4.25-inches.

Seniors Emily Churchman and Bridget Klein won their events at the Central Missouri Relays.

Churchman won the high jump with a career best jump of 5-feet, 5.25-inches, Klein won the 400 meter dash.

Sophomore Angela Adams won the 5,000 meter run at the Frank Sevine Invitational in

Lincoln, Neb.

She broke her own school record by five seconds and won the event by 33 seconds over mainly Big 12 opponents.

“Interesting thing with Angela is that her indoor record is faster than her outdoor,” Lorek said.

The Bearcats received national recognition with the men being ranked 22nd and the women coming in at 23rd.

“It feels good it’s a bit of a surprise, we’re pretty

much just taking care of our business its where we want to be.” Lorek said. “It’s nice to say we’re nationally ranked but, there are several teams in our conference that are also nationally ranked.”

While most of the team has the weekend off, the ‘Cats will send eight athletes to Iowa State to compete

“We’re just going to go up there and take advantage of the competition.” Lorek said.



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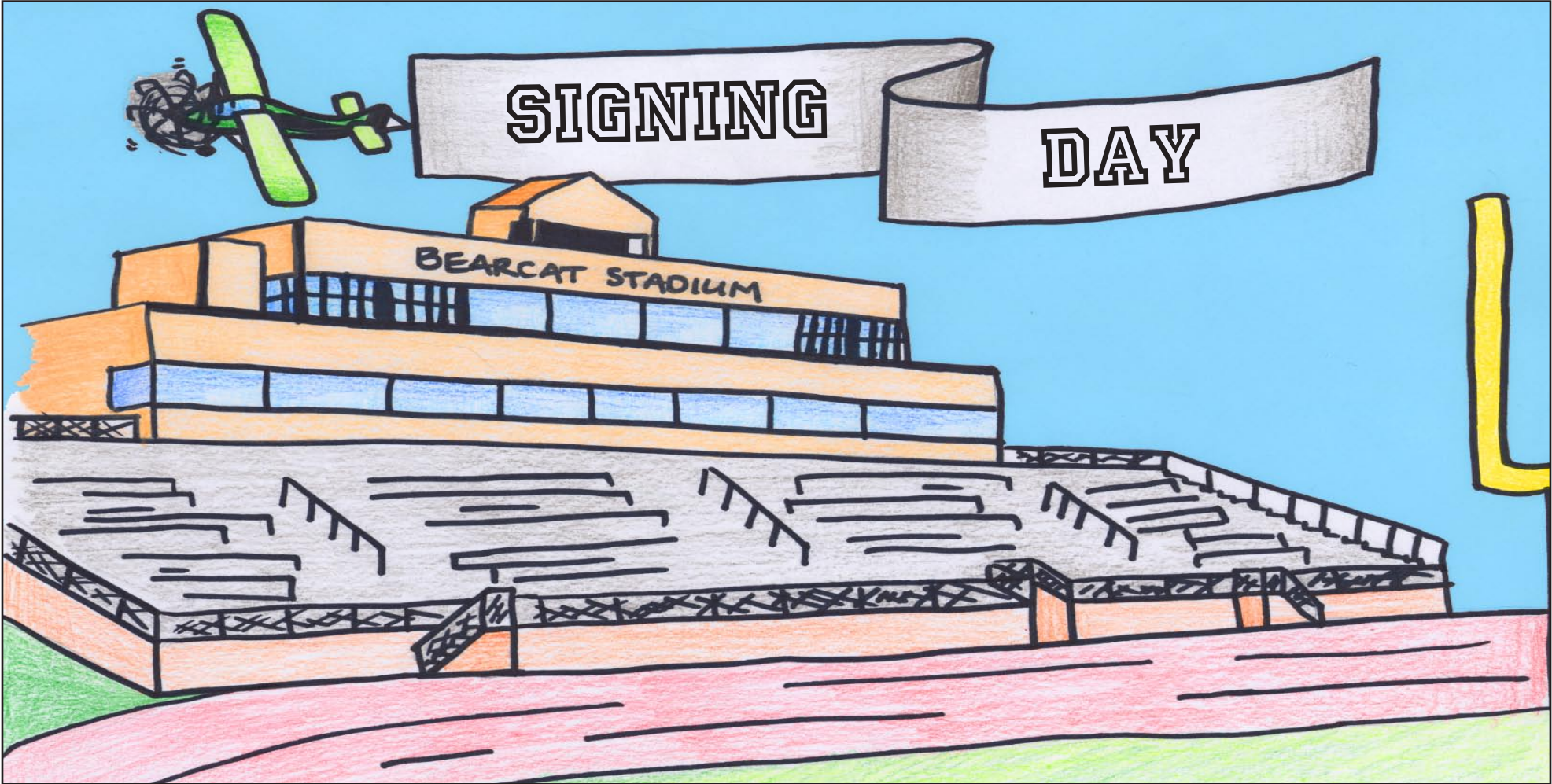


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Champs address important roster needs, ink 18 recruits for upcoming season

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

The future of Northwest football features 18 new faces from six different states.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma announced his 2010 recruiting class last Wednesday.

"We are really excited with the guys we signed," Tjeerdsma said. "We signed some really quality athletes. We were limited number wise of how many guys we were able to bring in. I think our staff did a great job of staying with our plan. We even had to pass up on some really good kids because of our limitations."

The recruiting class consists of 10 athletes outside the state of Missouri, featuring six linemen and four defensive backs.

"Our priority was focused on offensive and defensive linemen," Tjeerdsma said. "Every year that is a big priority of ours that we try

to address with both quality and numbers. We also were hoping to pick up some corners because next year we have two seniors at corner. Then we were going after the tight end position. We feel like we accomplished what we were looking for across the board."

Tjeerdsma and co. may have locked up the players they were after, but unlike most classes, the 'Cats didn't sign a quarterback or a running back as part of the 2010 class.

"We aren't worried about it when we evaluated what we already have at those positions," Tjeerdsma said. "When you look at our guys in different classes with the eligibility we still have at those positions, we aren't worried about not signing a QB or running back in this class. We are more excited about the younger guys we already have in the program."

The national exposure the 'Cats receive plays a big

role in the continued recruiting success in Maryville.

The 'Cats have played in nationally televised games 11 times in the past five seasons. ESPN has broadcasted nine of those games and CBS College Sports has aired the other two.

"The exposure we received this season through three nationally televised games and winning a national championship really makes a difference," Tjeerdsma said. "These athletes want to identify with a winner and that's why we were able to recruit in places we normally couldn't reach."

The new 'Cats come from all over the Midwest. Missouri contributed eight members to the class. Nebraska accounted for five athletes and Iowa brought in two. Illinois, Kansas and Wisconsin are all home to one member of the 2010 class.

Most of the focus is given to the 18 recruits who

will pick up scholarships to play at Bearcat Stadium, but his class is accompanied by four walk on players who have committed to joining the Northwest football team next season.

"We have a great tradition of walk-ons here," Tjeerdsma said. "Abe Quad, one of last year's captains is a classic example of it. After walking on and putting in a lot of hard work and dedication, he became a captain on the national championship team."

While Tjeerdsma and his staff are pleased with the new crop of Bearcats, he isn't quick to point out a stand out among the class.

"I think it's unfair to single out just one of them," Tjeerdsma said. "There are so many great athletes. In truth we probably won't be able to see which ones stand out for two or three more years. It's when they have gotten here, made it through their redshirt years and are out on the field."

Incoming 'Cats:

- Kevin Arnold - Defensive End
- Savontae Brown - Defensive Line
- Brian Buttry - Tight End / Wide Receiver
- Cole Chevalier - Offensive Line
- Joseph Chinn - Safety
- Bryce Enyard - Cornerback
- Martin Hill - Cornerback
- Jason Jozaites - Wide Receiver
- Matt Longacre - Defensive End
- Tim Martinez - Kick / Punt Returner
- Larry Nunn - Offensive Line
- Eric Reimer - Linebacker
- Jayron Robinson - Linebacker
- Ezra Schantz - Tight End
- Clint Thompson - Fullback
- Bryce Young - Wide Receiver
- Zach Vie - Offensive Line
- Alex Visk - Tight End

MEN'S BASKETBALL

JUNIOR FORWARD MACIEJ Ustarbowski shoots a hook shot over a Truman opponent on Jan. 9 at Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats defeated Truman 72-70.



file photo

'Cats fall to Gorillas, ready for final games

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

Northwest's short winning streak is over, following their 77-68 loss to Pittsburg State on Saturday. The Bearcats defeated No. 3 Fort Hays State 62-59 and then dispatched Nebraska-Omaha 83-70.

Senior Girod Adams scored a game-high 26 points and junior Elijah Allen chipped in 23 to lead Northwest.

The Bearcats came from behind to knock off UNO, but couldn't keep the momentum going against Pittsburg State.

"I was a little concerned that our level of effort would drop and that we wouldn't do the same things we did against UNO and Hays to beat them," head coach Ben McCollum said. "It ended

up being the case, but we've got to make sure we don't let that loss hurt us too bad against Western. We're going to come back this week in practice and get ready for them."

Northwest held a 35-31 halftime lead over the Gorillas, but couldn't hold on as Pitt State committed a season-low five turnovers to send the Bearcats to their second loss in five games.

"We didn't play very good in the first half even though we had a lead," McCollum said. "I think that was just because we had some decent talent out there and were able to maintain a lead. Eventually, when you give a team that hasn't won a lot of games life, it starts to snowball on you and we couldn't stop it."

The Bearcats shot 52

percent from the floor, but committed 14 turnovers, which helped lead to their demise.

Allen led the 'Cats with 15 points. Adams added 13 points and five assists while senior Edriss Floyd contributed 12 points.

Allen has scored in double figures in 11 straight games.

"As far as scoring goes, he's one of the best scorers I've ever been around," McCollum said. "When he plays defense, he's that much better offensively. We're still trying to get him consistent on the defensive end and he's done a better job of that, we just have to get it every game."

Only six games remain on the schedule and Northwest sits in seventh place in the con-

ference.

"We've got to win," McCollum said. "We have the tie-breaker over Emporia and Washburn and if we win one or two more games it looks like we could be in. I don't think we're going with that philosophy, we're just trying to win the next game. If we don't win that one we'll try and win the next game and keep going through the process like that."

The 'Cats have Wednesday off this week and take the court again against Missouri Western at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

"I think we'll be rested mentally and physically," McCollum said. "It'll be a huge game, we'll have a big crowd hopefully and hopefully be ready to go."